

# *B-FREE HOUSTON CREATING A COMMUNITY COALITION*



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# ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH COALITION DBA HOPE CLINIC

- ❖ In 1994, the Asian American Health Coalition (AAHC) was formed to reduce health disparities in the Asian American Community.
- ❖ HOPE Clinic was established by AAHC in 2002
- ❖ *Our Mission: “to provide quality health care without any prejudice to all people of greater Houston, in a culturally and linguistically competent manner.”*
- ❖ 2005 Hurricane Katrina
- ❖ 2007, HOPE Clinic moved to its current location
- ❖ Today, HOPE Clinic is an FQHC operating six days a week, in 3 sites
- ❖ *Our Vision: “A healthy community with quality, affordable health care for all.”*



# OUR STAFF 2009

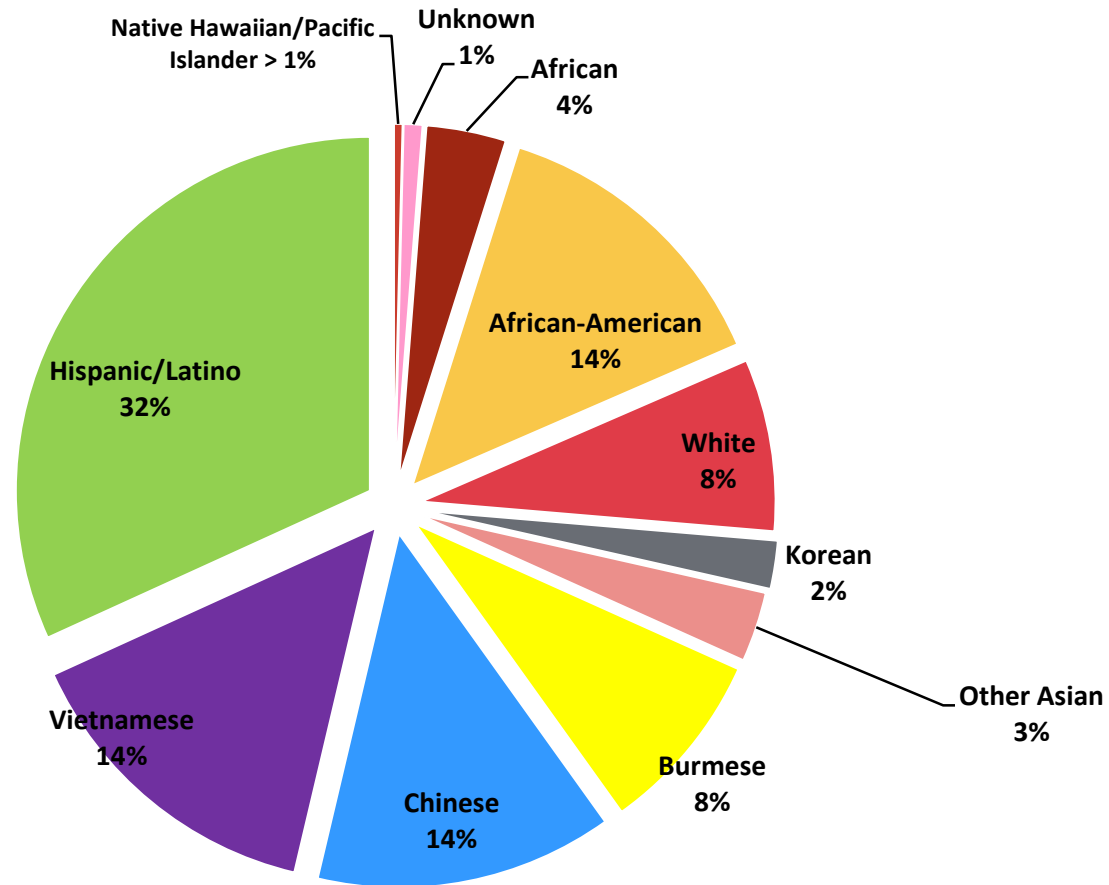




# OUR STAFF 2017



# PATIENT DIVERSITY

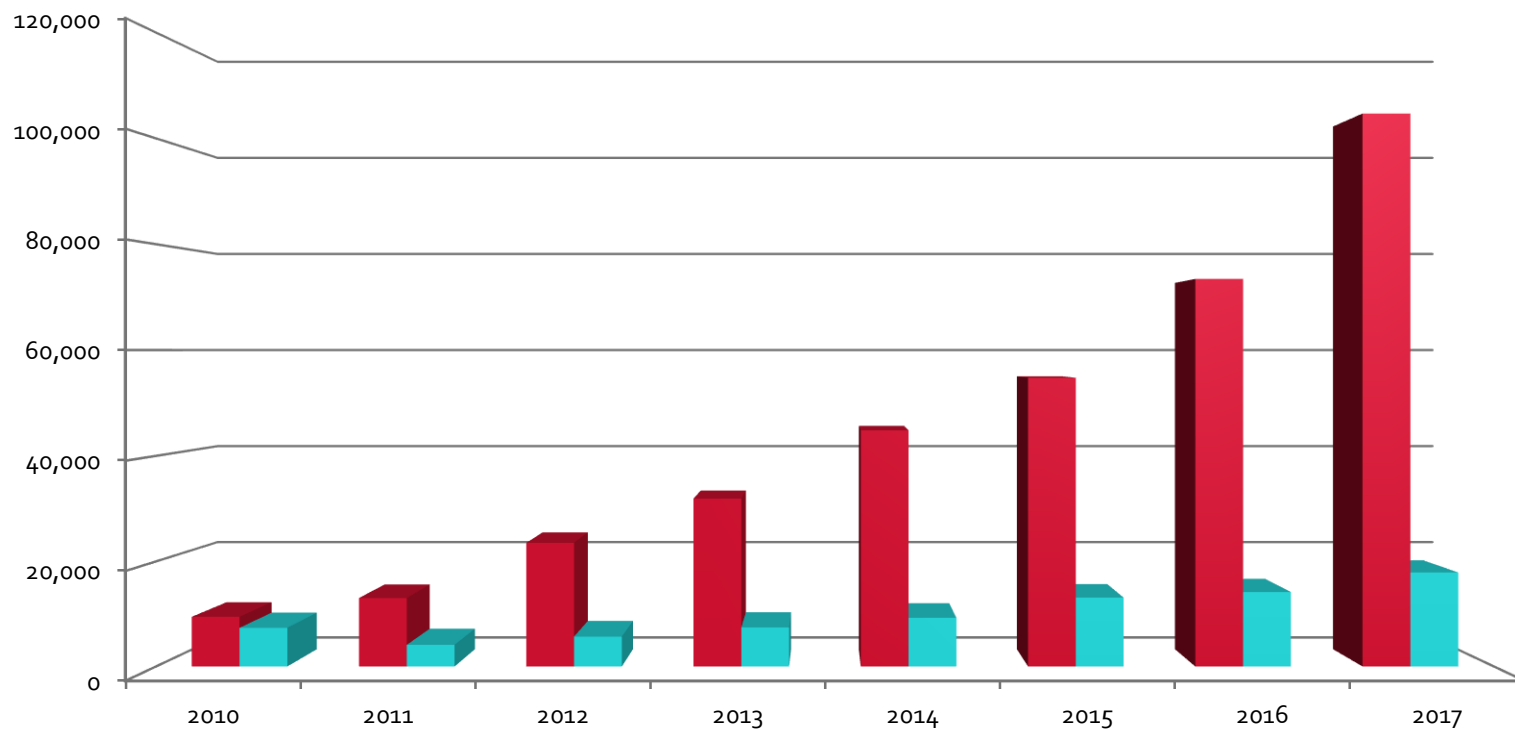


Patient Mix



# THE NEED FOR SERVICES

## Patients and Encounters



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
■ Visits	9,459	13,039	23,539	31,921	44,834	54,756	73,432	104,690
■ Patients	7,365	4,124	5,692	7,452	9,274	13,121	14,173	17,898



# DISCOVERING HEPATITIS B



- Hepatitis B and C Prevalence and Treatment Referral among Asian Americans Undergoing Community-based Hepatitis Screening: J. Hwang, B. Gor:2006
- Baseline 2006:prevalence of chronic HBV infection on the basis of HBsAg testing alone, 10.2% (95% CI 5.9 – 16.9%)
- 13.6% by concomitant testing of HBsAg, anti-HBc and anti-HBs.
- 92% (95% CI 65 – 99%) did not know that they were infected

# THE STAKEHOLDERS





# (SOME OF) OUR PARTNERS

- American Cancer Society – Houston
- American College of Acupuncture Medicine
- Asian American Family Services
- Asian Cancer Council
- Asian Senior Coalition
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Asian Pacific American Medical Students
- Office of Outreach and Health Disparities
- PAMSA
- Boat People SOS
- Burmese American Association of Texas
- Chinese Community Center
- City of Houston – Health Dept.
- Filipino Cancer Network of America/Houston
- Filipino Doctors & Nurses Assoc.
- Gateway to Care
- Herald Cancer Assoc. – Houston
- Harris Health
- Harris County Public Health Services
- Houston Korean Nurses Assoc
- Shifa Foundation Clinic
- Ibn Sina Foundation Clinic
- Indian American Cancer Network
- Light & Salt Assoc.
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center:
  - Center for Research on Minority Health
  - Dept. of Health Disparities Research
- Polynesian Culture Assoc. – Houston
- Rose, The
- Sam Houston State Univ. – Sociology Dept.
- Shifa Clinic
- Taiwanese Heritage Society
- Texas Children's Hospital:
- Texas Liver Coalition
- Texas Woman's University
- U.H. College of Pharmacy
- U.T. School of Biomedical Informatics
- U.T. School of Public Health
- University of Houston School of Optometry
- University of Houston School of Social Work
- Vietnamese Cultural and Science Association
- Vietnamese American Medical Assoc.
- VN Teamwork
- India House
- ADA



# BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

## Raise Awareness

- Outreach and Educate Partners

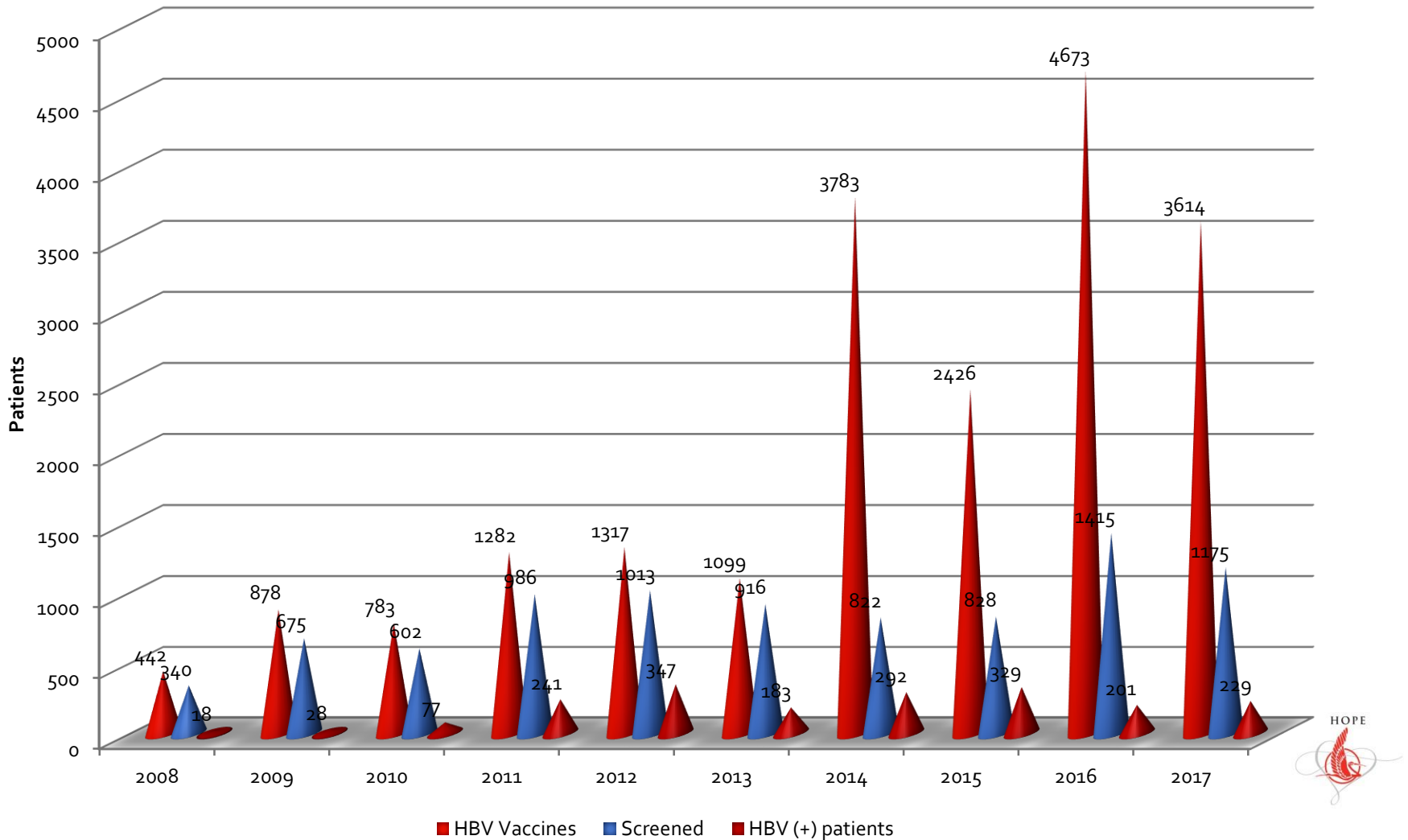
## Build Partner Capacity

- Partners educate their community

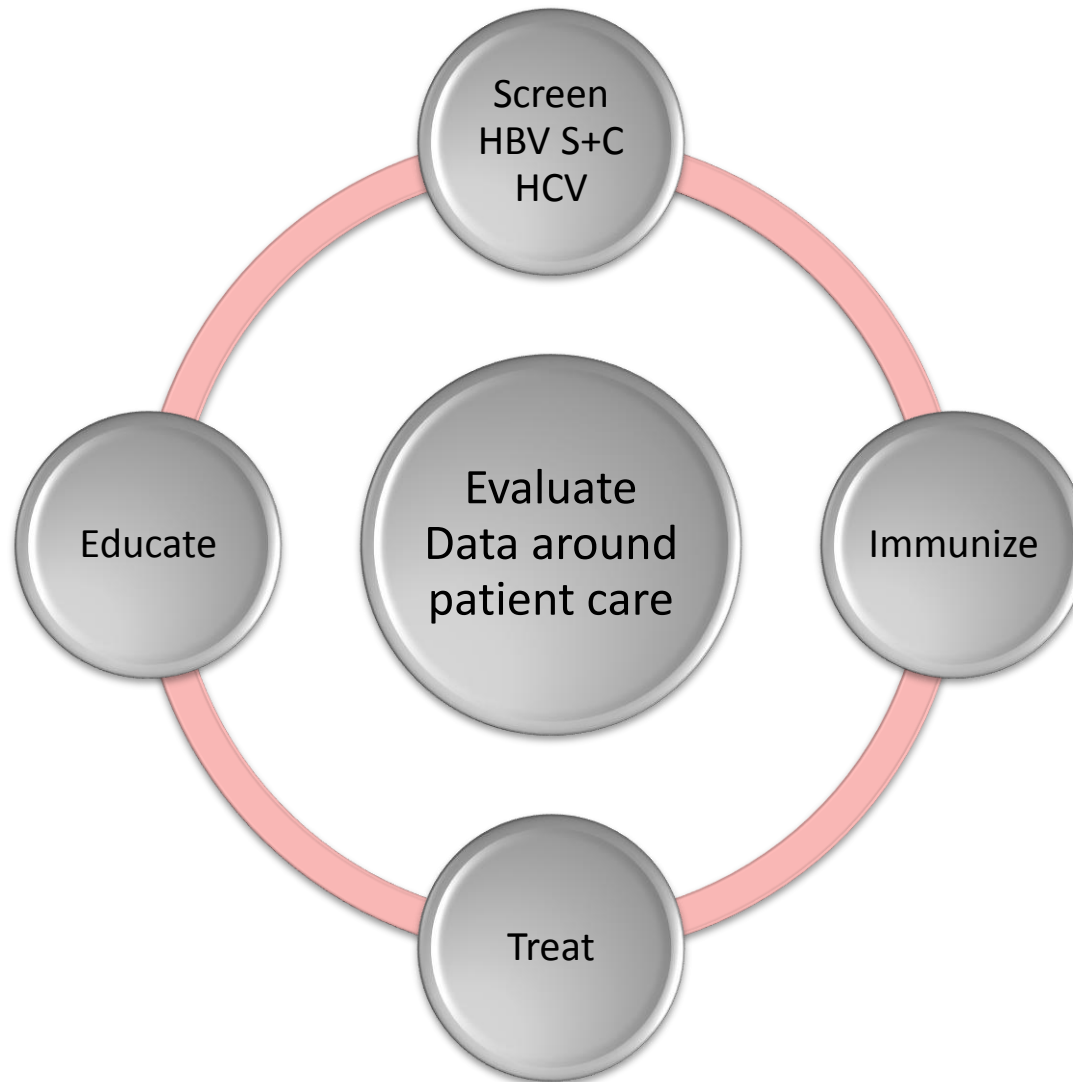
## Linkage to Care

- Seamless continuity of care

# B FREE HOUSTON (HBV)



# THE PROCESS




# INTEGRATED CARE




- ❖ Integrating HBV care into the primary practice
  - ❖ Greater reach and impact
  - ❖ Demystifies Hepatitis as an STD
  - ❖ Cost savings
  - ❖ Greater compliance
  - ❖ Collecting data that includes social determinants of health
  - ❖ Patient centered medicine

Trained All staff over 2 years:

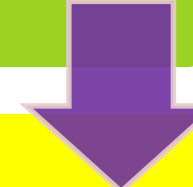
Front desk, nurses, care coordinators outreach staff and clinical providers



Established clinical protocols and standing orders from screening to treatment. Use ECHO project as consultation team



Defined financial sustainability of the program for a long term impact.



Spread the project to other providers and other sites.  
Consider participating in perinatal HBV elimination initiatives.



# ABOUT ECHO



***Moving Knowledge Instead of Patients***

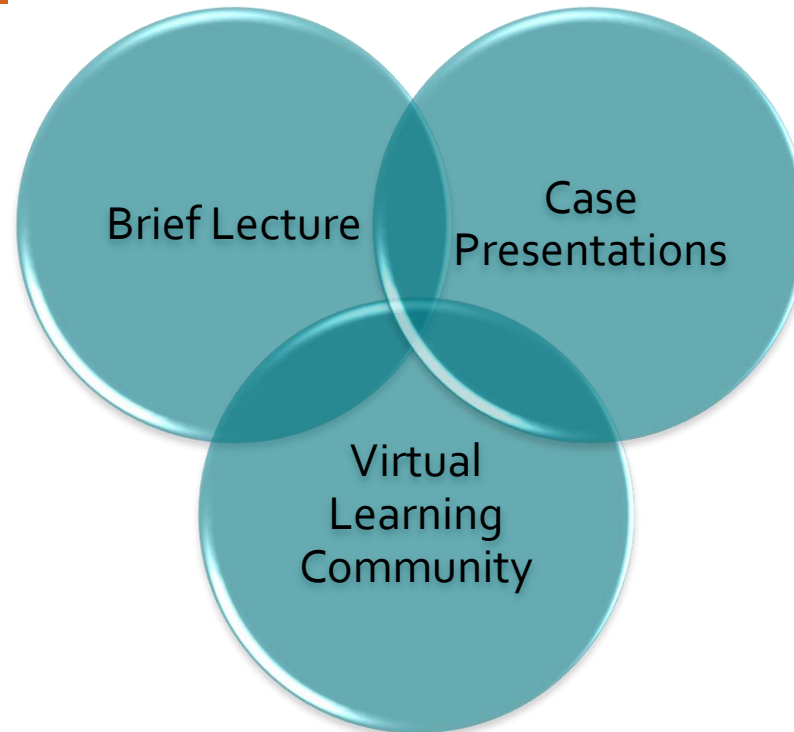
# HBV ECHO: Reducing Perinatal Transmission

- 1.4 -2 million persons in the US are chronically infected with HBV
- 50% of infections are in Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- 2/3 of Americans infected with HBV do not know they are infected
- Approximately 25,000 infants born to HBV-infected mothers in US with estimated 1,000 new infections each year
- Chronic HBV can be prevented in up to 90% of babies born to mothers with HBV

# ABOUT ECHO

- Snapshot of ECHO:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt\\_NxL6BtUQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt_NxL6BtUQ&feature=youtu.be)



# Benefits of Joining HBV ECHO: Reducing Perinatal Transmission

- Diverse curriculum focusing on perinatal HBV prevention, treatment and care management, and system improvements.
- Opportunity to present patient cases, in a de-identified and HIPAA-compliant format, to receive recommendations from an interprofessional team of national experts.
- Opportunity to present clinic specific cases or cases of systems challenges in addressing perinatal HBV in the primary care setting.
- Part of community of practice
- Access to internationally recognized experts in HBV management as well as other experts in navigating healthcare systems and the non-medical care of persons with HBV for successful outcomes
- Membership to a virtual learning community.
- Continuing education credits at no-cost for participants.
- Certificate of completion.

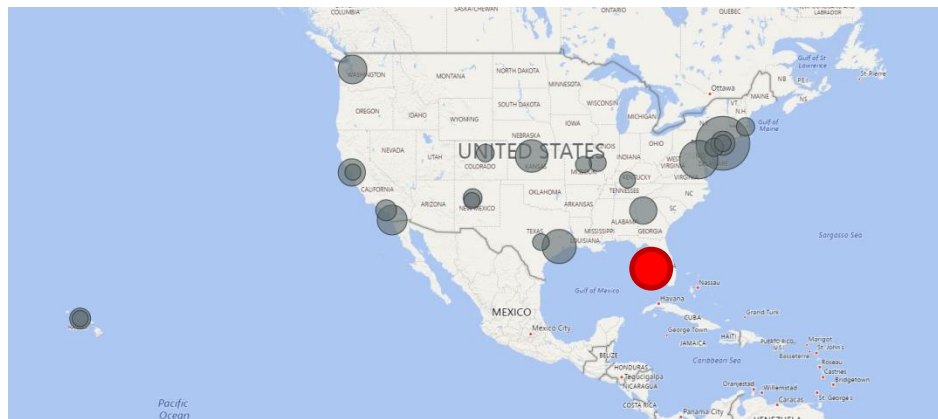


# HBV ECHO: Reducing Perinatal Transmission

Launched Jan 2017 – Funded thru Sept 2018

Current data thru Dec 2017

## Geographic location of current participation



### Key

- Hub: University of New Mexico
- Spokes

## PARTICIPATION SNAPSHOT

74 participants  
21 unique communities  
35 organizations  
12 HRSA-funded health centers  
36 cases presented

## CREDENTIALS

Physician	59%
Case Manager	12%
Perinatal HBV Coordinator	12%
Nurse	7%
Student	1%
Other	9%

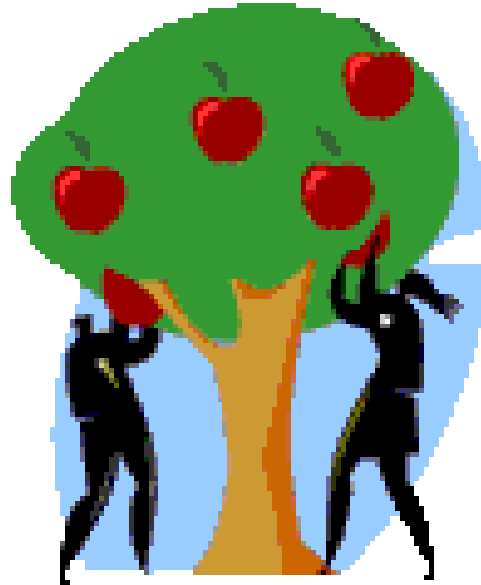


# THE FUTURE

- Create enhanced awareness
- Provide health education
- Increase screening
- Increase HBV immunization rates
- Increase access to HBV treatment
- Demystify HBV treatment
- Collaborate with research institutions
- Eliminate perinatal HBV transmission







**THANK YOU!**

